

Applicants contend that restriction is improper because the search and examination of all claims in this application can be made without being a serious burden on the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and each of Claims 1-20 presently pending in this application be examined.

Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue all non-elected claims through continuations and divisionals, as appropriate.

Applicants respectfully request prompt examination of the subject application in view of Applicants' election as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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